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SUBJECT: OILFIELD SUPPLY INTERNATIONAL LTD

1. AMCIT HOWARD CROOKS, NAIROBI-BASED MANAGING DIRECTOR, OILFIELD SUPPLY INTERNATIONAL LTD. (OSI), EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HE ALLEGES IS ILLEGAL, ARBITRARY TAX ASSESSMENT BY GOE ON VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT INCOME HIS COMPANY IN ETHIOPIA. CROOKS STATES ETHIOPIAN INLAND REVENUE DEPT (IRD) HAS ASSESSED OSI DOLS 96,000 AS TAXES DUE, WHILE DEMANDING DOLS 72,000 CASH DEPOSIT BEFORE APPEAL PERMITTED. ONE BRITISH AND TWO AMERICAN EXPATRIATES WORKING FOR OSI NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA AND HARRASSED DAILY PRESUMABLY PENDING TAX SETTLEMENT. CROOKS' GOAL REPORTEDLY TO GET THESE PEOPLE AND DOLS 200,000 IN EQUIPMENT PRMANENTLY OUT OF ETHIOPIA. THOUGH UNWILLING OR UNABLE MAKE CASH DEPOSIT, HE WILLING POT BOND PENDING APPEAL IN TAX DISPUTE. IRD HAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED BOND.

2. CROOKS REQUESTS EMBASSY ADDIS COMMUNICATE WITH
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LOCAL OSI MANAGER PETER LINDSTROM (TEL: 158-857;

HOME 111044) TO OFFER ADVICE AND, IF POSSIBLE,
ASSISTANCE SINCE CROOKS BELIEVES TAX DEMANDS MADE ON OSI
ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT BASIS.

3. DETAILED MEMORANDUM FROM CROOKS FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
LINDSTROM

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